Weekly / Monthly attendance of C.G.H.S. Homoeopathic Units

1812. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Weekly/Monthly attendance of each CGHS Homoeopathic Units functioning in various parts in Delhi/New Delhi from 1.1.1994 to 31.8.1996;

(b) whether Government are considering to upgrade the standard of the CGHS Homoeopathic Units on the basis of the Weekly/Monthly attendance and day by day increasing work load;

(c) whether any proposal is under active consideration to provide more Para-Medical staff in the CGHS Homoeopathic Units;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The information is available in the statements enclosed at Annexure [*See Appendix 179, Annexure No. 38*]

(b) to (e) Due to constraints of resources, it is not currently possible to upgrade the CGHS Homoeopathy Units by augmenting the number of para-medical staff.

Experience of privatisation in banking sector

1813. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experience of privatisation in the banking sector has been satisfactory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The reference is presumably to the setting up of new private sector banks. Ten banks have been set up in the private sector in terms of the guidelines of 22.1.1993 issued by the Reserve Bank of India. During the year ending 31-3-1996, these 10 banks mobilised deposits aggregating Rs. 5937 crores and extended credit to the extent of Rs. 4759 crores. They also made an aggregate profit of Rs. 166 crores. Considering that private sector banks were licensed to be set up to introduce greater competition, the experience so far can be said to be satisfactory.

Exchange Reserves Position

1814. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exchange reserves position has suffered considerable erosion during the past few months;

(b) if so, the comparative exchange reserves postion as on 1st April, and July, 1996 and the likely position on 1st January and April, 1997;. and

(c) the reasons for the erosion?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The foreign exchange reserves position has improved in recent months.

(b) The foreign exchange reserves, comprising foreign currency assests of the RBI, gold and SDRs, rose from US $ 21687 million at the end of March 1996 to US $ 22091 million at the end of June, 1996 and further to US $ 23940 million on November 22, 1996. The foreign exchange reserves positon on further dates will depend upon several factors, such as the net inflow or outflow of funds on account of the external transactions put through the RBI, developments on the current and capital accounts of the balance of payments and the demand and